

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A roof for a convertible vehicle having a vehicle body and including a folding roof (2) supported by a linkage (11) mounted to the vehicle body with a roof cover material (12) extending over said roof linkage (11), said folding roof (2) being movable between a closed position in which it covers an interior vehicle space and a storage position in which it is deposited in a folding roof storage space (7), and a rigid rear roof part (5) supported by said vehicle body but being in a closed position when the folding roof (2) is in a closed position and also when folding roof (2) is in a storage position.

2. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said rear roof part (5) is movably supported on said vehicle body.

3. A vehicle roof according to claim 2, wherein said vehicle body includes a folding roof storage compartment (7) in which the folding roof (2) is deposited for storage and said rear roof part (5) extends over said storage compartment (7).

4. A vehicle roof according to claim 3, wherein said rear roof part (5) extends also over the vehicle trunk (8).

5. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said folding roof (2) comprises a front folding roof section (3) and a rear folding roof section (4) and each folding roof section (3, 4) includes a longitudinal frame member (13, 14) which, in the closed position of the folding roof (2), extend in the longitu-

dinal direction of the vehicle and wherein a longitudinal frame member (13) of the front folding roof section (3) is pivotally connected to the respective longitudinal frame member (14) of the rear folding roof section (4).

6. A vehicle roof according to claim 5, wherein the longitudinal frame member (13) of the front folding roof section (3) is coupled to the longitudinal frame member (14) of the rear folding roof section (4).

7. A vehicle roof according to claim 5, wherein said longitudinal frame member (13) of the front folding roof section (3) is connected to the longitudinal frame member (14) of said rear roof section (4) by a pivot joint.

8. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said folding roof (2) is connected to the vehicle body by way of a pivot joint.

9. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said folding roof (2) is connected to the vehicle body by a multi-joint operating mechanism.

10. A vehicle roof according to claim 9, wherein said multi-joint operating mechanism comprises two operating arms (21, 22) which are pivotally joined and which extend in the storage position of the folding roof (2) in a direction transverse to the longitudinal vehicle axis.

11. A vehicle roof according to claim 10, wherein said two operating arms (21, 22) comprise lower and upper operating arms and said lower operating arm (21) is pivotally connected to the vehicle body and said upper operating arm (22) is pivotally connected to said folding roof (2).

12. A vehicle roof according to claim 11, wherein, in the closed position of the vehicle folding roof (2), said lower operating arm (21) and said upper operating arm (22) are in an over-dead-center position.

13. A vehicle roof according to claim 11, wherein said lower and said upper operating arms (21, 22) have the same length.

14. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said folding roof sections (3, 4) are deposited in the storage compartment 17 in a vertical orientation.

15. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the operating mechanism (16) for the folding roof (2) is arranged at the bottom of the storage compartment (7).

16. A vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said rear roof part (5) includes a rollover bar (10) which is integrated into the rear roof part (5).